

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-78 (Cancelled)

79. (Currently amended) A fencing system comprising:

~~a horizontal mounting surface; and~~

an elongated member comprising fiber cement having fibers, the elongated member having at least a front surface and a back surface, ~~each of the front surface and the back surface having ; and~~

a pattern provided on each of the front surface and the back surface of the elongated member, wherein said pattern is provided using a plurality of rollers, wherein each roller has a textured surface and is adapted to turn at a predetermined speed relative to the elongated member to achieve a high fidelity transfer of the pattern to the front surface and the back surface of the elongated member, wherein the pattern is formed of the same material as the elongated member, and wherein the pattern is consistent and repeatable on each of the front surface and the back surface of the elongated member, wherein the elongated member is constructed as an independent fencing component, not containing any attachments on the front surface or the back surface for attaching the elongated member to the horizontal mounting surface, wherein the elongated member is secured to the horizontal mounting surface only by a fastener passing through the front surface and back surface of the elongated member and into the horizontal mounting surface.

80. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the elongated member is cut to size and shaped for use in the fence system prior to curing the fiber cement, wherein the elongated member does not exhibit any substantial fraying of the fibers along the surfaces of the elongated member after curing.

81. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the elongated member has at least one surface that has a pre-finish thereon.

82. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the elongated member resembles a picket.

83. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the elongated member has an upper end, wherein the upper end is formed into a shape selected from the group consisting of square cut, dog-eared, French gothic, scalloped, pointed and saw-toothed.

84. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the front surface and back surface of the elongated member has a finish that resembles wood.

85. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the front surface and back surface of the elongated member has a finish that resembles masonry.

86. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement forming the elongated member incorporates a low-density additive.

87. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 86, wherein the low-density additive comprises micro spheres.

88. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 86, wherein the low-density additive comprises volcanic ash.

89. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 1, wherein the fiber cement forming the elongated member comprise moisture resistant cellulose fibers.

90. Cancelled.

91. Cancelled.